

Hydrologic Model Manager

Short Name	ANSWERS
Long Name	Areal Nonpoint Source Watershed Environmental Simulation
Description	
Model Type	Continuous simulation, distributed parameter
Model Objectives	Simulate the impacts of watershed management practices on runoff, sediment, and nutrient losses
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Model Structure	Distributed model, using an explicit solution to the continuity equation
Interception	
Groundwater	
Snowmelt	
Precipitation	
Evapo-transpiration	
Infiltration	
Model Paramters	
Spatial Scale	less than 100 km ² , with a maximum cell size of about 1.0 ha.
Temporal Scale	continuous simulation, 30-sec time step during storms, daily time step between storms
Input Requirements	Topography, textural soil map, land use map along with management description, breakpoint rainfall and daily mean air temperature and solar radiation
Computer Requirements	Desktop PC (Pentium II or equivalent)
Model Output	time series of runoff rates and sediment and nutrient concentrations; cumulative runoff, sediment load and nutrient yields; dissolved and sediment-bound nitrogen and phosphorus losses; considers particle size distribution of eroded sediment.
Parameter Estimatr Model Calibrtn	No routine available for auto-calibration. The model is interfaced with Arc-View decision support system, which assists the user in selecting input parameters.
Model Testing Verification	Yes
Model Sensitivity	Numerous studies - Dillaha (1983); Bouraoui (1994); Byne, 2000)
Model Reliability	the model was developed for management purposes. The quality of the information produced depends heavily of the input data availability and quality
Model Application	Successful applications for evaluation of BMPs in construction sites in Indiana, nutrient loads estimation in agricultural watersheds in Virginia, rainfall-runoff modeling in the Andes mountains
Documentation	Limited
Other Comments	More user-friendly, GIS interfaced version of model available in 2001. The model is in the public domain, but user support is very limited

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